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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
California Department of Transportation  
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2005-2007 Federal  
Transportation Improvement Program

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments 2005-2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and planning certification submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Department) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by your letter dated February 9, 2005.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept these modifications to the 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SBCAG region in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that SBCAG's 2005-2007 FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. This approval is provided with the understanding that FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

In our letter to SBCAG dated February 16, 2005, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) made a joint air quality conformity determination for the SBCAG 2005-2007 FTIP. The joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the FTIP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. That conformity determination ended the conformity lapse in the SBCAG region.

Once approved, SBCAG's 2005-2007 FTIP will supersede the SBCAG Interim 2004 FTIP that was approved by FHWA and FTA on October 4, 2004, including any subsequent amendments to the 2004 SBCAG Interim FTIP.

SBCAG's 2005-2007 FTIP will be incorporated by reference into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this SBCAG FSTIP amendment, please contact Sandra Grace Balmir of the FHWA California Division – Los Angeles Metro Office at (213) 202-3953, or by email at [sandra.balmir@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:sandra.balmir@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

**/s/ Leslie Rogers**

Leslie Rogers  
FTA Region IX  
Regional Administrator

**/s/ K. Sue Kiser**

For  
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Division Administrator